

The Brownfields Study Group 2008

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Senator Russell Decker Room 122 South State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

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Honorable Senators Decker and Miller:

In the last decade, Wisconsin has made significant progress in tackling the issue of cleaning up and redeveloping thousands of contaminated properties across the state. While we've made good progress, some of the most difficult projects remain a challenge, often due to the lack of funds. In 2008, we have a unique opportunity to ease some of this financial burden on our communities by passing into law a small provision, Senate Bill 202. This bill would make it easier to get federal funds into the hands of needy communities.

We urge you to continue your support of our efforts to clean up more brownfields properties by scheduling SB 202 for a vote on the Senate floor. While this is a brief piece of legislation, it is significant in that will streamline the administrative complexities of getting clean up funds to both rural and urban communities across the state

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions about this legislation, the best person to talk to is Darsi Foss, Brownfields and Outreach Section chief, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, at 608-267-6713, or darsi foss@wisconsin.gov. I have enclosed with this letter the current list of Brownfields Study Group members.

Sincerely

Steve Hiniker

1,000 Friends of Wisconsin

on behalf of the Brownfields Study Group

Enclosure

cc: Brownfields Study Group